REMARKS

Independent claim 63 was rejected as being anticipated by Swartz.

As amended, claim 63 calls for receiving a communication from a sender on a first processor-based system, the communication including an incoming audio message for storage and sender identification information, connecting to the Internet to search one or more remote websites for information correlated with the sender identification information, creating a second communication on the first processor-based system, the second communication including the stored audio message and sender identification information, and selectively sending the second communication to a local presentation interface or to a remote client, if sending to a remote client sending over the Internet. Neither the host services location nor the subscriber location of Swartz invoke the method as recited in amended claim 63.

Swartz's host-services computer 41 does not selectively send a second communication to a local presentation interface or to a remote client. In particular, Swartz fails to disclose that the conventional HTML web pages that are sent to a subscriber computer are also sent to a local presentation interface for the host-services computer 41. See column 3, lines 41-45; column 12, lines 49-54. In fact, the host location 40 does not have a monitor such as monitor 32. See Figure 1 of Swartz. Thus, the host-services computer 41 does not selectively send a second communication to a local presentation interface.

The host-services computer 41 of Swartz also does not connect to the Internet to search one or more remote websites for information correlated with sender identification information. For example, the host-services computer 41 maintains a phone book database. Column 11, lines 1-21. But Swartz fails to disclose accessing the phone book database over the Internet. See column 10, line 38 through column 11, line 21. Thus, the host-services computer 41 of Swartz does not connect to the Internet to search one or more remote web sites as recited in claim 63.

Swartz's subscriber computer does not teach or suggest the first processor-based system. For example, the subscriber computer 31 does not receive a communication from a sender, the communication including an incoming audio message for storage and sender identification information. Rather, the host service computer 41 handles all calls to the telephone number assigned to that particular subscriber. Column 6, lines 37-49. Thus, neither the subscriber unit nor the host service computer as described by Swartz invoke the method of independent claim 63. As such, claim 63 and claims dependent thereon are believed to be patentable over Swartz.

Independent claim 75 was rejected as being anticipated by McAllister. Claim 75 has been amended to include subject matter similar to that of dependent claim 76. McAllister fails to disclose the subject matter of claim 76. See Paper No. 28, page 4. As such, claim 76 was rejected as being unpatentable over McAllister in view of Swartz. Swartz fails to cure the deficiencies of McAllister.

As amended, claim 75 calls for an article storing machine-readable instructions that, if executed, enable a first processor-based system to receive a communication from a sender, the communication to include an incoming audio message for storage and sender identification information, connect to the Internet to search one or more remote websites for information correlated with the sender identification information, create a different communication on said first processor-based system, the different communication to include the stored audio message and the sender identification information, and selectively send the different communication to a local presentation interface for the first processor-based system, or over the Internet to a remote client.

As mentioned above, Swartz has a phone book database at the host services location. Column 11, lines 1-21. Swartz fails to disclose connecting to the Internet to search the phone book database. Column 10, line 38 though column 11, line 21. Thus, Swartz does not cure the deficiencies of McAllister. Taken together, the references alone or in combination fail to disclose every limitation of amended claim 75. As such, claim 75 and claims dependent thereon are believed to be patentable.

Claim 71 was rejected as being anticipated by McAllister. Claim 71 is directed toward a personal computer-like appliance. The appliance comprises a telephone mechanism to connect the appliance to a network and to receive a communication from a sender, the communication including an incoming audio message to be recorded and sender identification information, a composer to compose a second communication capable of being sent via the Internet, the second communication to include the recorded audio message and sender identification information, and a presentation interface for the appliance to display the second communication.

In his response to arguments the Examiner points out that claim 71 did not recite an appliance in its preamble, therefore, McAllister teaches the claimed apparatus. In view of this remark, it is believed that the Examiner would agree that McAllister fails to disclose a personal computer-like appliance as recited in the preamble of claim 71. In particular, none of stations

12, terminal 14 or terminal 52 at McAllister's customer facility teach or suggest the claimed appliance. The same is true for the stations 80 and TTY equipment 82 outside of McAllister's customer facility. Accordingly, claim 71 and claims dependent thereon are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0792US).

Respectfully submitted,

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